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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Application Laid-Open No. 11-267133, published October 5, 1999, together with an English-Language Abstract; and
2. United States Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0044575 A1, published November 22, 2001 to Hareyama et al.

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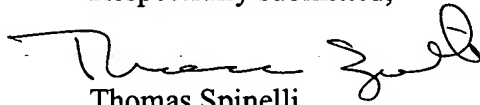
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Applicant is submitting a copy of reference 1. Reference 2 is not being submitted herewith, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003. The relevance of reference 1 has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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